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--25. The method of claim 18 wherein the surfactant is an alkoxylated amine or alkoxylated quaternary ammonium compound.--

--26. The method of claim 25 wherein the surfactant is an alkoxylated amine.--

Remarks

This is an international application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) on July 3, 2000. The examiner is respectfully requested to note that as a result of amendments made before the International Bureau, the present application contains claims 1-17. In the present amendment, claims 1-9 are cancelled and new claims 18-26 are added to the application. New claims 18-26 correspond substantially with cancelled claims 1-9. Thus, subsequent to the subject Preliminary Amendment, claims 10-26 remain for consideration on the merits.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Since the present amendment raises no new issues and presents no new matter, entry thereof in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 prior to the initial examination of the present case on the merits is respectfully requested.

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The following sentence was added on page 1 of the specification after the title:

--The present application was filed on April 17, 2000 as application serial number PCT/EP00/03513 and claims priority of Swedish patent application No. 9901733-7 filed on May 12, 1999.--

The following amendments were made to claims 11-17.

11. ~~The~~A composition ~~of~~according to claim 10 ~~wherein~~, characterized in that the organic nitrogen-containing compound is selected from the group consisting of (2-hydroxyethyl)tri(C₁-C₃)alkylammonium salts, (2-hydroxypropyl)tri(C₁-C₃)alkylammonium salts, and (2-hydroxybutyl)tri(C₁-C₃)-alkylammonium salts, and mixtures thereof.

12. ~~The~~A composition ~~of~~according to claim 11 ~~wherein~~, characterized in that the organic nitrogen-containing compound is a (2-hydroxyethyl)trimethylammonium or choline salt.

13. ~~The~~A composition ~~of~~according to claim 12 ~~wherein~~, characterized in that the organic nitrogen-containing compound is choline chloride.

14. ~~The~~A composition according to and one of claims 10-13, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the inorganic nitrate rest-breaking agent is selected from the group consisting of potassium nitrate, calcium nitrate, ammonium nitrate, calcium ammonium nitrate, urea ammonium nitrate, zinc ammonium nitrate, and mixtures thereof.

15. ~~The~~A composition ~~of~~according to claim 14, characterized in that wherein the inorganic nitrate rest-breaking agent is selected from the group consisting of calcium nitrate, calcium ammonium nitrate, urea ammonium nitrate, and mixtures thereof.

16. ~~The~~A composition ~~according to any one of~~ claims 10-15, characterized in that wherein the surfactant is an alkoxylated amine or alkoxylated quaternary ammonium compound.

17. ~~The~~A composition ~~of~~according to claim 16, characterized in that wherein the surfactant is an alkoxylated amine.

The following new claims were added to the application.

--18. A method for breaking the rest in deciduous fruit species which comprises applying to said species a rest-breaking composition which comprises an organic nitrogen-containing compound having a molecular weight of 60 to 300, an inorganic nitrate rest-breaking agent, and a surfactant with the proviso that said nitrogen containing compound is not urea or dinitro-ortho-cresol.--

--19. The method of claim 18 wherein the deciduous fruit species is selected from the group consisting of apple species and grape species.--

--20. The method of claim 18 wherein the organic nitrogen-containing compound is selected from the group consisting of (2-hydroxyethyl)tri(C₁-C₃)alkylammonium salts, (2-hydroxypropyl)tri(C₁-C₃)alkylammonium salts, and (2-hydroxybutyl)tri(C₁-C₃)alkylammonium salts, and mixtures thereof.--

--21. The method of claim 18 wherein the organic nitrogen-containing compound is a (2-hydroxyethyl)trimethylammonium or choline salt.--

--22. The method of claim 21 wherein the organic nitrogen-containing compound is choline chloride.--

--23. The method of claim 18 wherein the inorganic nitrate rest-breaking agent is selected from the group consisting of potassium nitrate, calcium nitrate, ammonium nitrate, calcium ammonium nitrate, urea ammonium nitrate, zinc ammonium nitrate, and mixtures thereof.--

--24. The method of claim 23 wherein the inorganic nitrate rest-breaking agent is selected from the group consisting of calcium nitrate, calcium ammonium nitrate, urea ammonium nitrate, and mixtures thereof.--

--25. The method of claim 18 wherein the surfactant is an alkoxylated amine or alkoxylated quaternary ammonium compound.--

--26. The method of claim 25 wherein the surfactant is an alkoxylated amine.--